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Stated Meeting, March 19, 1897.

Vice-President, Dr. PEPPER, in the Chair.

Present, 12 members.

Acknowledgments of election to membership were received from Mr. John Sartain, Dr. W. H. Furness, 3d, Mr. H. H. Furness, Jr.

The announcement of the decease of the following members was made and obituary notices of them were ordered to be prepared:

Mr. Arthur Biddle, at Atlantic City, on March 8, æt. 44.

Prof. James J. Sylvester, at London, Eng., on March 15, æt. 83.

Prof. George Stuart, at Philadelphia, on March 16, æt. 66.

Donations to the Library and Cabinet were announced, and in connection with the latter, Dr. Morris moved "That Mr. Patterson's deposit of the Illustrated Catalogue of the Peale Collection of the Stone Age to be returned on his demand, be accepted, and that it be placed in charge of the Curators." Adopted.

Prof. Edwin J. Houston and Dr. A. E. Kennelly read a paper entitled "The Insulating Medium surrounding a Conductor, the Real Path of its Current."

Dr. Hays moved that a Committee of five members be appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of the Society publishing a Calendar of the Franklin Correspondence in its possession, and if found advisable, to recommend a plan for such a calendar and its publication. Also to consider and report on the historic relation to the original document of the manuscript copy of the Declaration of Independence sent by Jefferson to Richard Henry Lee, and now in the possession of this Society, and whether its historic importance renders desirable its reproduction by the Society. Adopted.

Dr. Pepper, Judge Mitchell, Mr. Carson, Mr. Stone and Dr. Bache were appointed the committee under the above resolution.